

**A New Vision?**  
**“Revived, Redeemed, Renewed and Re-commissioned”**  
**“A 10/40 Window for The 10/40 Window”**  
**“Bible Belt Extended for the Resistant Belt Offended”**  
**“Wake Up The Sleeping Giant”**

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I had not planned on going to the 2017 New Year’s Eve 24 Hour Prayer Burn led by a couple that I had married 6 years previously and who consider me as a spiritual father. It was hosted by Burn 24-7 Atlanta. Thirteen of our students from New Horizons Christian Fellowship in Starkville, MS were going – including our two youngest children (Hannah 20 and Isaac 17). These students, active in leading the Mississippi State University Prayer Furnace organization were set to serve and lead in Atlanta, with 5 being our worship leaders, and the others serving as instrumentalists and intercessors. My plans changed on Sunday morning as I realized with a hard freeze coming that I just might need to drive for their safety and my peace of mind.

Worn out from an awesome family Christmas that weekend, it was no surprise to me that as we neared Atlanta Sunday evening that I was getting sleepy and needed a power nap. Hannah took the driving responsibility as I tried to sleep in the passenger side – to no avail... As I closed my eyes I kept seeing the GPS map of our trip as we got closer to Atlanta. My mind wandered as I thought about Interstate 20 on which we were traveling. It was the same Interstate 20 that has taken us on annual mission trips to the street ministry in Ft. Worth, TX. Then I thought about the parallel Interstate 40 that I travel each time I go to speak in YWAM Nashville. I couldn’t get it off of my mind as I contemplated the potential significance of the “corridor” between the two interstates. I then opened my eyes and began actually looking at the map, wondering if this was God awakening me to something. The reference of Ezekiel 20:40 came to mind for which I knew not what it said:

<sup>40</sup> For on My holy mountain, Israel’s high mountain”—the declaration of the Lord God—“there the entire house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land. There I will accept them and will require your contributions and choicest gifts, all your holy offerings. Ezekiel 20:40 (HSCB)

I had to consider Biblical context. Sure, I had read and even studied Ezekiel, but I didn't remember when nor much of anything about the book as a whole. I noted that from Ezekiel 20:32-44 the passage is titled “Israel’s Restoration” while the passage of verses 45-49 is titled “Fire in the South” in the Holman Christian Bible. “How interesting,” I thought, as we were going to a “Prayer Burn” in Atlanta and that I was just now contemplating a corridor across the South.

As I closed my eyes again, I began to see the whole map of the USA. I then remembered that Interstate 10 crossed America from the East Coast to the West Coast – also on a semi-parallel line with much of I 20 and I 40. Then, it suddenly it dawned on me that this constituted a “10/40 Window” in the USA that contrasted the “10/40 Window” on the

other side of the globe of which my family considers a target and in which we lived much of our 15 years outside of the USA, focusing on the unreached and most needy of Asia.

Whereas the 10/40 Window in missions is located between the 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitudes encompassing most of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia – sometimes referred to as the Resistant Belt, this new concept of a 10/40 Window across the USA is a band stretching across the southern part of the USA from the East Coast to the West Coast and could be an extension of what has been commonly called the “Bible Belt.” Whereas the Missions 10/40 Window is reported to hold 99% of the world’s least reached and most needy, this potential 10/40 Window in the USA actually holds some of the world’s “most reached” or “most churched” and much of the world’s “most wealthy” or “least needy.”

What could God be saying? Is there a prophetic word coming?

Back to Ezekiel 20:40 and following, I went. “Israel” means “God contends” and is the name of what was known as God’s people who were Jacob’s descendants recipients of the Abrahamic Covenant – “blessed to be a blessing to all nations” of Genesis 12. In verse 20:40 Ezekiel records that God says that He “will accept them and will require your contributions and choicest gifts, all your holy offerings” (“them” = “Israel”; “your” = “Israel’s”).

Then Ezekiel 20:41-44 reads:

<sup>41</sup> When I bring you from the peoples and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered, I will accept you as a pleasing aroma. **And I will demonstrate My holiness through you in the sight of the nations.** <sup>42</sup> When I lead you into the land of Israel, the land I swore to give your fathers, you will know that I am Yahweh. <sup>43</sup> There you will remember your ways and all your deeds that you have defiled yourselves with, and you will loathe yourselves for all the evil things you have done. <sup>44</sup> **You will know that I am Yahweh, house of Israel, when I have dealt with you because of My name rather than according to your evil ways and corrupt acts.** This is the declaration of the Lord God.”

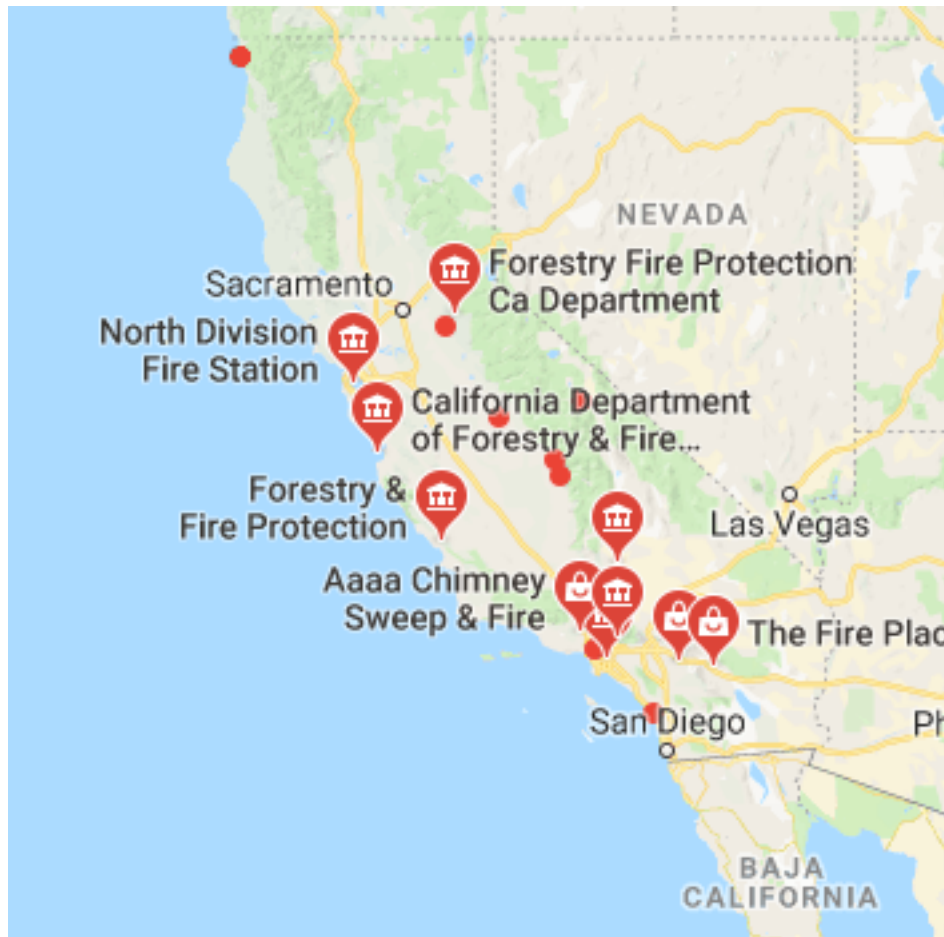
This passages seems to speak of Israel’s evil ways, a prophecy of their repentance, holiness and the grace of God.

Ezekiel 20:45-49 labeled “Fire in the South” says:

<sup>45</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>46</sup> “Son of man, **face the south and preach against it. Prophecy against the forest land in the Negev,** <sup>47</sup> **and say to the forest there: Hear the word of the Lord!** This is what the Lord God says: I am about to **ignite a fire in you,** and it will devour every green tree and every dry tree in you. The blazing flame will not be extinguished, and **every face from the south to the north will be scorched by it.** <sup>48</sup> **Then all people will see that I, Yahweh, have kindled it. It will not be extinguished.**”

<sup>49</sup> Then I said, “Oh, Lord God, they are saying of me, ‘Isn’t he just posing riddles?’” This passage basically says, prophecy to the “South” that a cleansing is coming. It is like a slash and burn method of cleansing by fire. But as in the previous passage it will be marked by the grace of God.

## Observation: Fires in S. California



**PROPHETIC SUMMARY:** A revival fire is coming to the South or the Bible Belt Extended. It will be marked with repentance, holiness, generosity, the grace of God and that the nations or all peoples will see the holiness of God through this move of God. Potential Strategic cities – Wilmington, NC; Jacksonville, FL; Atlanta, GA; Mobile, AL; Starkville, MS; Nashville, TN; Memphis, TN; Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX; Sayre, OK; Albuquerque, NM; Los Angeles, CA.

The Church in America longs for the revelation of the sons and daughters of God in the Bible Belt Extended! It is to be expected that the sleeping church of the South Land should wake up to its destiny in revival and in the final thrust to all nations! More untapped resources in the Southland lie dormant than in any other region of the world. God is going to wake up, cleanse, apply grace, envision, empower and commission a whole new movement in missions that has yet to be seen in history. These are the last days. The Lord is inviting His children of the covenant to step up and step out!

All true revivals in history have been marked by fresh missionary movements – The Gospel of the Kingdom to All Nations. God's heart for His people is that they would be blessed to bless the Nations (גוֹיִם - goyim and ἔθνη - ethne - Adamic, Noahic and Abrahamic Covenants.) Biblical nations are people groups not so much political countries.

As the return of Jesus is imminent, the Church should know that our final task on earth before His return is that this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to all nations. Jesus is coming back for His "Perfect Bride" – not perfect in that it is totally sinless for we will continue to need His grace until we shed this flesh nor in theology because we are always growing in our understanding, but perfected in unity (John 17:21 & 23) and perfected in wholeness (every tongue, tribe and nation.)

**\*\*\* Prophetic Call to "The Church" of the 10/40 Window in the USA or the "Bible Belt Extended":**

- Wake up, you sleeping giant.
- New Wine into New Wineskins.
- Wake up to your sonship in the Kingdom of God.
- Act like the prince and princess that you were called to be.
- Learn your identity and DNA.
- Walk like God, not like man. (be like Jesus)
- Turn to God from idols to serve the Living and True God.
- Repent of compromise, sin, apathy.
- Embrace His Grace.
- Finish the Mission of the Kingdom Family Business.
- In this day, you are the Elder Brother! By the grace of God act like the Elder Brother.
- Love each other. Unity is best expressed in diversity not conformity. Value your differences.
- Understand 5 fold ministry and walk in that mature man expressing the fullness of Jesus.
- Serve one another. Be generous. Use your treasures on earth to store up treasures in Heaven. Be Global. Set your eyes on things above.
- Be simply and purely devoted to Jesus!

**\*\*\* Prophetic Call to "The Church" beyond the 10/40 Window in the USA or the "Bible Belt Extended":**

- Pray for an Awakening in the 10/40 Window or the Bible Belt Extended.
- As we have adopted unreached peoples in the 10/40 Window of Missions, ADOPT a city or church in the 10/40 Window of the USA. It doesn't matter the size – what good thing could come out of Nazareth... or Bethlehem... or a stable...? Pray for that city, serve that city and the church in the city. Pray that the sleeping giant will awaken. Partner with the Church there to accomplish missions around the world.
- Send intercessory teams to pray for an awakening.
- Pray for a fire to be kindled that will not be extinguished.
- Research significant historic markers in that window - Heritage is connected to Destiny.
- Asuza
- Jesus Movement
- Lindale/Tyler
- Missions to and Revival in the Native American Indians – before the Trail of Tears and afterwards – i.e. Cyrus Kingsbury known as the Apostle to the Choctaw sent to Oktibbeha County in Mississippi as a request from the Choctaw Chiefs with massive evangelism and revival following! Moving to Oklahoma to carry it forward...

## Some Suggestions of Target Cities

### **I 40 Cities:**

North Carolina- Wilmington, Greensboro, Benson

Tennessee – Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville

Arkansas – Little Rock

Oklahoma – Oklahoma City, Sayre

Texas – Amarillo

New Mexico - Albuquerque

Arizona – Flagstaff

California – Barstow, Los Angeles

### **I 20 Cities:**

South Carolina - Florence

Georgia - Atlanta

Alabama – Birmingham, Tuscaloosa

Mississippi – Meridian, Jackson, Starkville (to the North) and Tupelo

Louisiana – Monroe, Shreveport

Texas – Lyndale, Tyler, Fort Worth, Kent

### **I 10 Cities:**

Florida – Lake City, Jacksonville, Pensacola

Alabama - Mobile

Mississippi - Gulfport, Biloxi

Louisiana - New Orleans, Baton Rouge

Texas - Houston, San Antonio, Kent

New Mexico – Las Cruces

Arizona – Tucson, Phoenix

California - Riverside, Ontario, Los Angeles, Santa Monica

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Description : The Map depicts US Interstate 40 (I-40) route from Barstow, California to Wilmington, North Carolina. Disclaimer



Description : Map depicts US Interstate 10 (I-10) route from Santa Monica, California to Jacksonville, Florida. Disclaimer



Description : The Map depicts US Interstate 20 (I-20) route from Kent, Texas to Florence, South Carolina. Disclaimer